Subject No. 216.

Strengthening of Police force.

Summary of discussion.—Tumkur town has considerably increased; but the Police force is insufficient. It should be increased and a detachment of Silahdars' stationed in the town so that there may be fewer opportunities for the disturbance of the public peace.

Dewan's reply.—The necessity is doubtful, but the Inspector General of Police will enquire.

Subject No. 217.

English School at Tiptur to be under Government management.

Summary of discussion.—There is an English School at Tiptur maintained by the Municipality. It should be taken over under Government management.

Dewan's reply.—Apply to Deputy Commissioner first.

Subject No. 218.

Garden lands to be given out for cultivation at rice crop rates.

Summary of discussion.—In several parts of the Tumkur District, there are many garden lands lying waste since the Famine, which will not pay one to take up at the high rates of garden assessment fixed thereon. Some arrangement should be made by which such lands may be made available for cultivation at rice crop rates. Let them be allowed to be taken up temporarily at rice crop rates on the understanding that when there is an application for any such land at the full rate of existing assessment, the applicant may have it unless the temporary occupant himself agrees to pay this higher rate and keep the land.

Dewan's reply.—Let applications be made to the Deputy Commissioner in individual cases.

Subject No. 219.

Arable land not to be classed as Gomal.

Summary of discussion.—At settlement, arable land has been classed as gomal and unarable land has been assessed. This should be corrected.

Dewan's reply.—This would be a rather troublesome operation. It is better to grant for cultivation available land out of gomal. Hitherto in disposing of such applications we used to see whether, if the applications were granted, the land left as gomal would be sufficient for the village cattle. We shall hereafter see also whether when this is insufficient other unoccupied land can be allotted as gomal instead.

Subject No. 220.

Travelling allowance to Hospital Assistants.

Summary of discussion.—To enable Hospital Assistants to go to out-lying villages when there is a requisition for their services, a carriage allowance should be paid to them by Government.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable. An Hospital Assistant cannot be travelling all over the Taluk.

Subject No. 221.

Collection of Hulbanni and assessment for the same period.

Summary of discussion.—When grazing land for which the year's Hulbanni has been paid is sold by auction for cultivation, the full assessment for the year is also collected without refundingt he Hulbanni already paid.

Dewan's reply.—This is wrong. Appeal in individual cases.

Subject No. 222.
Repairs to Byatarayaswami temple.

Summary of discussion.—Urgent repairs are required for Turuvekere Byatarayaswami temple at Tumkur.

Dewan's reply.—This is being looked into by the Muzarayi Superintendent.

Subject No. 223.
Raiyats to participate in the sale proceeds of sandalwood.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats should share in the sale proceeds of sandalwood growing in their patta lands.

Dewan's reply—No.

Subject No. 224.
Right to graze cattle in tank beds.

Summary of discussion.—Village cattle are prevented by the Amrut Mahal Department from grazing in the bed of the Gubbi tank and from going to the tank to drink water. This was submitted last year also. We want more than one cattle path as cattle from more than one village have to go to the tank for water. At present for want of sufficient way well hedged on both sides, village cattle stray and are frequently impounded. The hardship of this is very great. The raiyats maintain the tank. It is hard that they should not have the grass in the bed of the tank.

[*Note.*—The Amrut Mahal Officer having been written to on the subject, has reported that it is the practice of the Department to allow the neighbouring villages to graze their cattle in the bed of the Gubbi tank, after the Government cattle have grazed and left for the Coorg Jungles every year, and the Daroga of the Tumkur Range has very strict orders not to deviate from this procedure. The *kaval* is one of the most important hot weather *karals* and cannot altogether be made available for the village cattle. The Daroga reports that he finds it very difficult to prevent trespass on the part of the raiyats and preserve grass for Government cattle].

Dewan's reply—The Amrut Mahal Department will give as much as they can or as much as is absolutely necessary for cattle paths, &c. The Amrut Mahal Officer will be again written to.

Subject No. 225.
Kodi of the Kadaba Tank.

Summary of discussion.—At the last Assembly, the necessity for raising the *kodi* of the Kadaba tank and executing repairs to the irrigation channels thereunder, was discussed. The Deputy Commissioner also is in favor of this request. The Public Works Department should therefore be urged to undertake the work. If the tank were enlarged and the *kodi* raised, an additional revenue of Rs. 3,000 might accrue.

Dewan's reply.—It is doubtful that the state of the tank bund will allow of this. We shall see if permission cannot be granted to raise a temporary turf bund at the *kodi* at the close of the rainy season.